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## TONIGHT!

**15th Annual Joint  
AFTRA/SAG Membership Meeting  
Monday June 28, 2010  
5:30 Social 6:30 Meeting**

**Allerton Hotel  
701 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Corner of Michigan & Huron**

### **15th Annual Joint AFTRA/SAG Membership Meeting Monday June 28, 2010**

***Renaissance of Film and TV in Chicago***  
**Hear from Industry Insiders!**  
***Opportunities for Actors: What it means for you.***

5:30 p.m. **Social Hour**

Meet Chicago's new Executive Director **Eric Chaudron** and new Director of Television and Theatrical Contracts **Kathy Byrne**

6:30 p.m. ***Renaissance of Film and Television in Chicago***

**Betsy Steinberg** - Managing Director, Illinois Film Office

**Richard Moskal** - Director, Chicago Film Office

**Dan Moore** - Midwestern Executive Director, Directors Guild of America

**Sally Fletcher** - Fletcher Camera and IL Production Alliance

*and other special guests.*

**Business Meeting**

**SAG:** Select members-at-large to serve on the Nominating and Election Procedures committees. **AFTRA:** Vote on the ratification of a one-year extension to the AFTRA Network Television Code (more information about the Netcode extension will be available shortly); select members-at-large to serve on the Nominating Committee.

*The membership meeting is only open to paid-up AFTRA or SAG members in good standing.*

*Unfortunately, no guests allowed. Parents/guardians of younger performers under 18 years old are welcome. No RSVP necessary. PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR ADMITTANCE.*

**Allerton Hotel, Buckingham Room**

701 North Michigan Avenue  
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**Be a Part of W & W 2010**

Chicago AFTRA/SAG is holding Joint Wages & Working Conditions meetings in preparation for the AFTRA Exhibit A and SAG TV/Theatrical Contract negotiations. For details on W&W 2010, please visit either the AFTRA website at [AFTRA.com](http://AFTRA.com) or the Screen Actors Guild website at [SAG.org](http://SAG.org).

Make your voice heard. Proposals for this important negotiation are developed through the involvement of members like you. Meetings are open to all paid-up AFTRA and SAG members.

**When:** 5 p.m., Thursday, July 8  
Noon, Thursday, July 15  
Noon, Thursday, July 22  
5 p.m., Thursday, July 29

**Where:** Chicago AFTRA/SAG Boardroom, One East Erie, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60611

**Please RSVP** by contacting Kathy Byrne at (312) 573-8081 or by e-mail at [kbyrne@aftra.com](mailto:kbyrne@aftra.com).

**Attention all Cleveland and St. Louis AFTRA and SAG MEMBERS**

Chicago AFTRA/SAG will be conducting a Joint Wages & Working Conditions meeting\* in preparation for the AFTRA Exhibit A Contract and SAG TV/Theatrical negotiations. For details on W&W 2010, please visit either the Screen Actors Guild website at [SAG.org](http://SAG.org) or the AFTRA website at [AFTRA.com](http://AFTRA.com).

Proposals for this important negotiation are developed through the involvement of members like you. Make your voice heard, attend and participate in this very important process. Meetings are open to all paid-up AFTRA and SAG members.

**CLEVELAND MEETING**

**When:** 1 p.m. (EST) Thursday, July 22, 2010

**Where:** Cleveland AFTRA Office - 820 West Superior Ave., Ste. #240, Cleveland, OH 44113

**Please RSVP** by contacting Cathy Nowlin at (216) 781-2255, or by e-mail at [cnowlin@aftra.com](mailto:cnowlin@aftra.com)

**ST. LOUIS MEETING**

**When:** Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 5 p.m. (CST)

**Where:** The St. Louis AFTRA office at 1310 Papin St., St. Louis, MO 63103

**Please RSVP** by contacting Maureen O'Brien at (314) 231-8410, or by e-mail at [mobrien@aftra.com](mailto:mobrien@aftra.com).

E-mail Suggestions - Can't make it to the committee meeting? You can still play an active part by e-mailing your ideas to [wandw2010@sag.org](mailto:wandw2010@sag.org) or [wandw2010@aftra.com](mailto:wandw2010@aftra.com). Recommendations must be received by August 6, 2010.

All proposal recommendations will be reviewed by the Joint Wages & Working Conditions Committee.

\*AFTRA and SAG Cleveland and St. Louis members will take part in the Chicago AFTRA/SAG W&W meeting via conference call.

### **Casting Access Welcomes Claire Simon July 19**

Claire Simon, of Claire Simon Casting, is our special guest for a Casting Access event on July 19.

**Simon does not want to re-interview anyone that she has seen in the past year.** Please, respect her request and do not apply for this event if you have met with Simon since July 2009.

Claire Simon Casting is currently conducting auditions for the Fox Television show, *Ride Along*, which is filming 12 episodes in Chicago beginning at the end of July. The *Ride Along* pilot--shot in Chicago in April--was picked up by Fox as a mid-season replacement.

### **The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, July 9.**

Submission instructions for this event are available at [AFTRA.com](http://AFTRA.com) and [SAG.org](http://SAG.org). If you have any questions, please call Kathy Byrne at the AFTRA/SAG office, (312) 573-8081.

AFTRA/SAG Chicago's Casting Access/Agent Access program is an ongoing, cooperative venture for the mutual benefit of Chicago talent agents, casting professionals and AFTRA/SAG members in good standing. It is not a workshop, training or "feedback" program or a guarantee of work or future audition or employment opportunities. It is an opportunity for casting professionals and talent agents to hold "generals" and become better acquainted with the wide variety of talent in Chicago's AFTRA and SAG memberships.

### **Say Happy Birthday to Fern Persons!**

Fern Persons turns 100 years old on July 27. Everyone is invited to help Fern celebrate. We'd like to shower her with good wishes.

If you get a card to the Chicago office, we'll get it to Fern. Please drop off or mail your cards to AFTRA/SAG, One East Erie, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60611. Spread the word. All are invited to participate, but it's a surprise, so please don't tell Fern!

A long-time member of both AFTRA and SAG, Fern has worked with many of you. She also served on the Chicago AFTRA Board and SAG Council along with serving as a SAG national vice president and National Board member.

### **Holiday Schedule for Office and KMRC**

Friday July 2 Office & KMRC Closes at 1 p.m.

Monday July 5 Office & KMRC Closed, Independence Day Holiday

**AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players Present *The Man Who Came to Dinner* July 20**

Sheridan Whiteside, the cantankerous but talented writer and radio personality, reluctantly accepts a dinner invitation while on a lecture tour in a small town in Ohio. His thought is to eat and run, but he slips on a patch of ice and is forced to change his quick-escape plans. It's a nightmare for the host family as Whiteside takes over the household with a combination of demands, rudeness, and expensive whims. Even after the doctor reveals to Whiteside that he has misread the x-rays and the leg is fine, Whiteside bribes the doctor not to tell anyone so he can stay on to-in the words of critic Hal Erickson--"stage-manage the lives of everyone around him."

**Series:** Theatre Guild on the Air; also known as The United States Steel Hour

**Program:** *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (originally broadcast November 17, 1946, on the ABC Radio Network)

**Director:** Parker Gronwold

**Producer:** Mercita DeMonk

**7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) Tuesday, July 20**  
**Chicago Cultural Center's Claudia Cassidy Theater**  
**Admission is free- first come, first seated.**

***A message from the AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players***

Due to the overwhelming response to our May 18 production of *THE WAR OF THE WORLDS*, many people were turned away. We are hoping to present the show again in the near future.

We're sorry for the inconvenience and will keep you informed.

In response to members' requests to stay informed, *The Activator* may include notice of rallies, pickets and other actions by unions and the labor movement that have not been sanctioned by the National or Chicago Board of Directors of AFTRA or SAG. This information is provided as a convenience.

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